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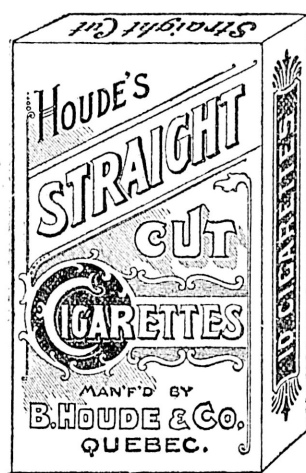
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The Field.

Ladysmith Column on Eve of
Great Engagement--The
Town Yet Safe.

Methuen About to Strike Again
--His Enemy is Strongly
Reinforced.

Canadians Join the Fighting
Line--Treasure in Northern
Cape Colony.

By Associated Press.

Pietermaritzburg, Dec. 5.—Gen. Buller
and his staff have started for the front.

Modder River Station, Dec. 3.—Gen.
Cronje, who is camping below Spytfontein,
about six miles north of here, has been
reinforced by 3,000 Boers from Natal.

The new bridge over the Modder River,
which is being constructed by the en-
gineers, is rapidly nearing completion.
Gen. Methuen is waiting on this to get
the artillery across, when he will be in
condition to advance on the last stage
to Kimberley. Some naval guns with
lyddite shells are expected here shortly.
Methuen has been reinforced by the
12th Lancers and more field guns have
arrived, the latter with tents and stores.
It is understood the later reinforcements
will be here in another week.

Twelve of the British wounded died
yesterday. A few cases of fever have
appeared, probably because of the corpses
in the river. Consequently, the camp, it
has been shifted back. The morale of the
troops is excellent.

PREPARING FOR ACTION.

London, Dec. 7.—The war office has
received the following message from
Gen. Forester-Walker, British com-
mander at Capetown.

"Wednesday, Dec. 6.—Gen. Methuen
wires to-day that he has resumed com-
mand and is nightly in communication
with Kimberley. The health of the
troops is excellent."

The announcement is made in a special
despatch from Bloemfontein, dated Sun-
day, December 3, that President Steyn
of the Orange Free State has joined the
Boer forces at Modder River. His ap-

pearance, it is added, caused great en-
thusiasm among the Boers.

THE CANADIANS.

Toronto, Dec. 7.—The Globe this morn-
ing publishes the following from its
special correspondent with the contingent
at De Aar:

"De Aar, Dec. 6.—We are now camp-
ed at De Aar and go to the front to-mor-
row. All well."

THE LULL AT KIMBERLEY.

Kimberley, Monday, Dec. 4 (via Mod-
der River).—Everything has been quiet
here during the last three days. The
theatre and the convent have been fitted
as hospitals. A number of our cattle
have been captured by the enemy.
Pretoria, Dec. 6.—Official despatches
received here from the different Boer
forces say all is quiet except at Kimber-
ley where an armored train made a
sortie this morning.

STILL ANNEXING.

The Orange Free State has proclaimed
the annexation of Dordrecht, about 50
miles north of Queenstown, Cape Col-
ony.

The Boer advance in the northeastern
part of Cape Colony is becoming remark-
able. Local farmers are flocking to the
Boer laagers, the townspeople in many
instances welcoming the invaders with
every demonstration of joy. Annexation
of British territory proceeds daily.

The reports of Boer successes have
made a great impression among the Ba-
sutos.

Pretoria, Dec. 6.—The Tugela bridge,
it is announced, is so completely ruined
that it will be a work of great magnitude
for either belligerents to restore it.

The British fired on some republican
scouts south of Tugela this morning.
There were no casualties.

A newspaper correspondent named
Lynch, who entered the Boer lines at
Ladysmith on Monday with the alleged
purpose of exchanging newspapers, has
been made a prisoner and will be
brought to Pretoria.

Frere Camp, Natal, Dec. 6.—A runner
from Ladysmith to-day reports all well.
The bombardment, the messenger adds,
continues to be ineffectual, the Boer
shells only hitting the houses.

Atlin Rich in

Free Milling Ore

Latest Arrival Reports Surpris-
ing Assays From Great Body
on Pine Creek.

Confidence in Rich Future for
Hydraulic—Eight-Hour
Law Discussed.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 7.—Herbert Pearce, an
Australian, was a passenger on the Tees,
arriving here to-day, on his way from
Atlin. He is enthusiastic over the future
of this northern British Columbian gold
district.

A year ago Mr. Pearce and a man
named Clay discovered an outcropping
of what appeared to be rich free milling
ore at the edge of a wing dam on the
bottom of Pine creek. Lord Hamilton,
through his manager, Mr. Featherstone,
secured the find for \$300. Just before
he left, Lord Hamilton exposed 30 tons
of ore which ran over \$1,000 the ton.
It is the richest thing in the country,
and four feet wide. He assayed two
pounds in a mortar and got 64 cents.
Mr. Pearce says he believes the 30 tons
exposed will go 50 ounces in gold.

Mr. Pearce says that the alien law
has put back the district very much.
There are, he is convinced, rich places
yet to be discovered that had an influx
of Americans been permitted would have
found long ago. There are hills 300
feet deep full of gold that the Ameri-
cans would have got their millions out of;
hills not touched near Gold creek, that
show the same formation throughout.
It is not a poor man's camp but there
will be many millionaires made from its
hydraulic claims and those who have
their claims along Pine creek will get
the cream.

Speaking incidentally of the eight-hour
law, Mr. Pearce said that in Australia
where he spent many years mining, and
where all labor experiments had their
genesis, the eight-hour law did not work
and they have had to give it up, the only
conditions in which it was satisfactorily
applied being the developed mines
which ran three shifts.

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Greenway

Smashed.

Conservatives in Manitoba Se-
cure Victory Under Hugh
John's Leadership.

Carry Twenty-One of the Forty
Seats With Three Yet to
Be Decided.

Two Ministers Defeated--Very
Close Majorities in Many
Constituencies.

Special to the Colonist.

Winnipeg, Dec. 7.—Provincial election
returns up to midnight show that the
Greenway government has been defeated
by the Conservative opposition led by
Hon. Hugh John Macdonald. The fig-
ures now stand government 16, opposition
21, with Saskatchewan a tie, and the
elections in Dauphin and Gimli yet to be
held. The opposition, however, already
have a clear majority. The candidates
elected are as follows:

FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

Beautiful Plains—L. C. Edins.
Brandon North—N. C. Fraser.
Brandon South—T. C. Fowler.
Birtle—Hon. C. J. Mickle.
Deloraine—C. A. Young.
Lakeside—Jas. McKenzie.
Lansdowne—T. C. Norris.
La Verandrye—W. Lagomodiore.
Lorne—Jas. Riddle.
Minnedosa—R. H. Myers.
Mountain—Hon. Thos. Greenway.
Rhineland—V. Winkler.
Russell—W. S. Crenier.
St. Boniface—S. A. D. Bertrand.
Westbourne—T. L. Morton.
Winnipeg Centre—Hon. D. H. Mc-
Millan.

FOR THE OPPOSITION.

Avondale—Jas. Argue.
Brandon City—W. S. McInnis.
Carleton—R. Marion.
Cypress—Geo. Steele.
Emerson—D. H. McFadden.
Kildonan and St. Andrews—O. I.
Grain.
Kilmarney—Geo. Lawrence.
Manitoba—R. Rogers.
Morden—H. Riddell.
Morris—C. H. Campbell.
Norfolk—R. F. Lyons.
Portage la Prairie—W. Garland.
Rockwood—J. Riley.
Rosenfeldt—W. Hespeler, Ind.
Southeast—A. E. Thompson.
Springfield—E. B. Hutchings.
Turtle Mountain—J. Johnston.
Virden, formerly Dennis—Jas. Simpson.
Winnipeg North—Dr. Neilson.
Winnipeg South—Hon. Hugh John
Macdonald.
Woodlands—R. P. Roblin.

Two of the Greenway ministers are
defeated, these being Attorney-General
Cameron by Hugh John Macdonald in
Winnipeg, and Hon. Robt. Watson by
Mr. Garland in Portage la Prairie.
In Winnipeg, Attorney-General Camer-
on, and in Portage la Prairie, Minister of
Public Works Watson were defeated,
the former by 60, the latter by 200.
Treasurer Col. McMillan defeated Mayor
Andrews by 115 in a district the min-
ister has always carried either by accla-
mation or by six or seven hundred ma-
jorities.

A great deal of the success is due to
Hugh John Macdonald, his personal popu-
larity and honorable, outspoken utter-
ances commending themselves to the
people. Clarke Wallace and Sir Charles
Tupper and Hon. Geo. E. Foster also
assisted materially in rolling up the ma-
jorities.

Premier Greenway defeated J. T. Gor-
don in Mountain by 160.
There were stirring scenes in Winni-
peg and western centres when the re-
turns were brought in, the enthusiasm of
the Conservatives knowing no bounds.

FOR RED CROSS RELIEF.

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—The Red Cross move-
ment received a great impetus as a re-
sult of a meeting held at Government
House this afternoon. His Excellency
and Lady Minto and the elite of the
capital were present. Lord Minto made
the principal speech. In addition to pre-
sented the objects of the Red Cross Society.
His Excellency suggested the formation
of a national society for the assistance of
disabled men of the Canadian contin-
gent or of their wives and children.

GOVERNOR DISMISSED.

Pekin, Dec. 7.—The governor of the
province of Shan Tung has been dis-
missed in consequence of his inability to
deal with the missionary troubles which
have been rife throughout that province.
Yuan Shikais, formerly commander of the
foreign-drilled brigade, has been appoint-
ed to succeed him.

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Looking for Two Battles

Expected That Buller and Methuen Will Strike at the Same Time.

Boer Scheme to Surprise British at Close Range--Scott-Turner's Gallant End.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 8.—5 a.m.—Gen. Buller's arrival at Frere is held to indicate that all the preparations for an advance to the relief of Ladysmith are complete and that stirring news will soon be received.

The fact that Lord Methuen is announced as resuming his command at almost the same moment is interpreted in some quarters to mean that battles will be fought simultaneously in Natal and Spytfontein. It appears doubtful, however, whether Gen. Methuen's force is yet ready for what will evidently be a heavy encounter. The construction of the temporary bridge across Modder river has entailed enormous labor and even now the structure is liable to be washed away should a heavy storm come. Gen. Methuen has been expected to move his camp a mile in consequence of the unsanitary state of the stream, due to the presence of the bodies of dead Boers. As the railway bridge was completely destroyed, he has been compelled to leave a considerable force to protect his communications.

A special correspondent sends the interesting information regarding Boer tactics that Commandant Gen. Joubert has given orders to reserve fire until the British are within the close range of 400 yards. At the Modder river battle the Free State burghers became nervous and opened fire prematurely, thus revealing their position, frustrating the Boers' plans.

The Morning Post publishes an article warning the British public that "the disillusionment already experienced respecting the Boer forces in Natal is likely to be repeated on the western border. It says that men are wanted everywhere, and asks why the splendid body of 20,000 of the Royal Marines is now employed in sweeping floors and washing paint in England and is not sent out to handle the naval guns instead of the hurriedly trained men, unfamiliar with these weapons, who have gone."

The government has decided to despatch to South Africa at the earliest possible moment a cavalry brigade of about 4,000 men.

HOW SCOTT-TURNER DIED.

London, Dec. 8.—A special despatch from Kimberley, dated November 29, says: "As a result of the signals for relief from the south and of certain movements on the part of the Boers Col. Kekewich determined to make a sortie, with a view of keeping a large force of Boers employed here."

"Yesterday afternoon a portion of the garrison, with artillery under Major Chamber, and mounted troops under Major Scott-Turner, advanced southwest toward the Boer positions and captured Carters Farm, which completed the line it was intended to hold in view of Lord Methuen's early approach.

"Major Scott-Turner then turned his attention to the Boer's laager, which he captured in the style, in spite of the enemy's heavy fire. All the camp equipment was captured or destroyed. Finally the British stormed the ridge and captured their redoubt, after severe fighting.

"In leading the men, who were storming the fourth redoubt, Major Scott-Turner and Lieut. Wright were killed. It is alleged they were struck by explosive bullets. The death of Major Scott-Turner compelled the British to retire upon Carters Farm, the whole affair having lasted four hours.

THE BOER DRIFAM.

London, Dec. 8.—Baron Loch, former governor of Cape Colony and British high commissioner for South Africa, lectured in London last evening, regarding his experiences with President Kruger. He told the remarks of the President's President years ago showed that he contemplated just the state of affairs which has now arisen. Mr. Kruger even expressed a desire to have a passport and said the Transvaal hoped to have a navy some day.

"The Times, commenting upon Lord Loch's reminiscences, says that they prove up to the hilt the Dutch ambition for Dutch supremacy in South Africa.

CONDITIONS AT KIMBERLEY.

Town Provisioned for Thirty Days--Feared British Defeat Night of Modder River.

Modder River, Monday, Dec. 4.—A scorching light message from Col. Kekewich at Kimberley says the town is provisioned for thirty days with forage for thirty days, and has a plentiful water supply.

London, Dec. 8.—The Daily Mail publishes a despatch from Capt. Ralph at Modder River, who says: "The Kimberley people are troubled by the necessity of feeding 1,000 Basutos in the Diamond mines whom the Boers refuse to allow to depart, and who, should they fail to get enough meat, would become restless."

"On the night of the battle at Modder River, Kimberley missing the accustomed signals from here, was in great anxiety, fearing that we had been defeated. The fact was that we did not use our searchlights for fear the Boers would wreck the apparatus."

"Five hundred and thirty British were killed and wounded in the battle here. That number has already been accounted for and the enemy's losses were probably much heavier."

GIRLS CAUGHT IN FIRE. Panic in Pennsylvania Hosiery Factory—Two Dead and Fifty-seven in Hospital.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 7.—One of the most disastrous fires which has occurred here in years broke out to-day in Nold & Horst's hosiery factory, and before the flames could be extinguished the plant was completely destroyed. It was valued at \$250,000; insurance, \$150,000.

There were about 600 girls employed. As the fire spread with alarming rapidity the girls were thrown into a general panic, and many jumped to the ground, and it is believed at least 50 were injured. Some are reported to be in a critical condition. It was also reported some were missing, but from best information obtainable no lives were lost.

At 4:30 p.m. several bodies were recovered from the ruins. They were unrecognizable, being burned to a crisp.

At a late hour to-night it was said that the dead would number only two, but that the injured list was very large. So far 57 have been located in the hospital, over 40 of the cases being considered serious.

8-Hour Folly In Slocan.

Business Men Paying Dearly for Paid Agitators' Influence With the Government.

From our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 7.—Mr. R. Mason Smith, of Winnipeg, director of the Lost Mountain group of mines in the Duncan-Lardeau district, arrived from that section to-day. Mr. Smith was one of the delegates to the government to represent the injurious effect of the eight-hour law. He says of Sandon: "Because of the eight-hour law, the mines are shut down, the merchants are howling blue ruin and the camps are dead. When union men are around the merchants try to smile and say 'We hope for better times' when the unionists are not near they say bitter things. There are some few foreigners hanging around but no miners; they have left in disgust. The Lost Mountain Company are working non-union men, who laugh at the eight-hour law. They would, in fact, rather work than loaf around from 4 to 6."

"In a struggling mine with one shift a day the eight-hour system is simply absurd. The larger mines would have been willing to discuss the matter with the government, and for the difference of 50 cents to have their opinions ridden over roughshod, without being considered, and to be dictated to by unions as at present, is simply intolerable. It is the compulsory clause that makes every miner owner and a great many mine workers indignant. The miners want to work for 10 hours and get their \$3.50, but the most not."

"The Payne people are working 50 non-union men now. They keep arriving in groups. Some are sent away by the union; others go into the tunnels, and the number is increasing.

"The paid agitators are to blame for this distressing state of affairs. The miners are either opposed to the law or indifferent, but they are temporarily excited to action by their salaried leaders and the government will certainly be defeated on this issue if the Kootenays have anything to say about it. The feeling against the government all through West Kootenay is very strong."

THE LOST CONSUL.

Washington Unable to Get Word From Their Mr. Macrum at Pretoria.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Since the notice received about two weeks ago of the objection by the Boer government to the attempt of United States Consul Macrum at Pretoria to disburse certain sums of money provided by the British government to afford the British prisoners during their confinement, the state department has heard nothing on this subject. On being informed of the objection the department instructed Mr. Macrum to protest against it, but it is not known how he has acted since then. In fact, the department has been unable to obtain an answer from any of its communications of recent date, and it does not know even if he has received notice granting his leave of absence.

TOLSTOI VERY ILL.

London, Dec. 6.—A special despatch from Berlin says that Count Tolstoy has been seriously ill. For two days he was unconscious, but now is slightly better, although great anxiety is still manifested in Moscow regarding him.

STEAMER IN PERIL.

London, Dec. 6.—The British steamer Worcester, Capt. Jones, from New York, is ashore at Craster, south of the river Tweed, and will probably become a total wreck. No lives were lost.

AT ALL BARS AND RESTAURANTS

MARTELL'S

THREE STAR

BRANDY.

OF ALL WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS

Vancouver's News Budget.

Canners Expect to Agree Upon Scheme for Protecting B. C. Interests.

One Test Case Out of Gambling Arrests--U.S. Consul on Concert Courtesies.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 7.—The Colonist correspondent secured authentic news to-day to the effect that the canners had at last appointed a committee who were quietly working to effect an adjustment of all differences and bring about a satisfactory pooling of interests, taking in all the canneries of British Columbia. Several canners in Vancouver say that they now believe the British Columbia combine will be effected soon. The fear of creating unnecessary alarm among the fishermen prevented further details being secured. It is a vital matter for the industry, as the effect of the Sound combine and the strict regulations are too big a handicap to carry for another season. The offer of Mr. McGovern to introduce American capital would have gone through if it had been presented in a practical form but it was too one-sided and no compromise suggestions were listened to. The New York people appearing to think that another year of canning under such adverse circumstances would make British Columbia canneries more eager to accept their terms.

STAGE ROBERTS CASE.

American Consul Dudley said to the Colonist correspondent to-day that in the case of Roberts' alleged to have been kidnapped into Canada from the States, his own report went forward to the department at Washington to-day and that of Governor Rogers of Washington state several days ago. The British ambassador at Washington had been notified and it remained now for the department to report. Col. Dudley thought it premature to express his opinion for publication.

CARD TEST CASE.

The case of Mr. Petri, one of the six charged with playing an illegal game of cards, was to-day sent for trial to a higher court. Mr. Petri was allowed out on his own recognizance. The other five were liberated. Petri's is to be made a test case.

A CONSUL'S IMPRESSION.

American Consul Dudley has noted the fact that at the Vancouver patriotic concert there was no American national air played or sung. Consul Dudley said he went so far as to suggest the matter to one of the principals. In the United States Col. Dudley affirms that at all concerts of a national character "God Save the Queen" or "Rule Britannia" is played or sung by the performers out of courtesy to any British people who may be present and in honor of Her Majesty the Queen.

LIBERALS WORKING.

Liberal ward committees are working hard preparing for the provincial elections. Since their last meeting they claimed to have placed 296 names on the voters' list.

MACHINERY FOR JAPAN.

Messrs. Letson and Burpee of Vancouver, in contest with numerous American firms have secured the contract for machinery for Japanese canneries. The first order is \$1,000, but will be followed by numerous larger orders.

THE MERCHANTS' EXCURSION.

Towns of the Boundary Making Impressions on Visitors Brought to Them by the Railway.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Greenwood, Dec. 7.—The business men's excursion reached Greenwood this evening at 5:30, 200 strong, the Coast contingent having been joined at Robson by 125 from Nelson, Robson and other Kootenay towns.

The run over the Columbia & Western railway was grand, the scenery on route being held to surpass anything elsewhere on the American continent, if not the world. Although the big tunnel is not yet completed, a temporary switch-back is used. The track from end to end is in splendid condition, and the service of the C. P. R., even with crowded trains, could not be surpassed.

Officials of the company were untiring in their efforts to entertain the guests, and the people of Greenwood and towns en route gave the visitors a rousing reception. Tonight the visitors are at a banquet in Barrow's hall. The speakers one and all referred with enthusiasm to their treatment by the C. P. R. and the beauty and apparent wealth of the country.

To-morrow they visit Phoenix and then go to Grand Forks for the night. On Saturday they will be at Nelson, where another banquet awaits the party; thence they go to Rossland and home.

THE MANITOBA ELECTIONS.

21 CARRIED BY MACDONALD.

Constituency. Majority. Elected. Defeated.

Arundale—1 to come. 21 Jas. Argue. T. Dickie. Lib.

Brandon City. 21 W. S. McInnis. C. Adams. Lib.

Carleton—7 to come. 51 R. Marion. M. Jerome. Con.

Cypress—4 to come. 90 Geo. Steele. A. Doig. Lib.

Emerson—10 to come. 62 D. H. McFadden. R. Hamilton. Con.

Kildonan. 21 O. I. Grain. D. P. Reid. Con.

Killarney. 21 Geo. Lawrence. Hon. F. M. Young. Lib.

Manitowish. 21 H. Rogers. J. L. Brown. Lib.

Morden. 21 H. Riddell. D. M. McMillan. Lib.

Morris. 21 C. H. Campbell. S. Mulvey. Lib.

Norfolk—3 to come. 20 R. F. Lyons. J. G. Barron. Lib.

Portage la Prairie. 21 W. Garland. Hon. R. Watson. Lib.

Rockwood—2 to come. 30 L. Riley. S. J. Jackson. Lib.

Rossmore. 21 W. Heeler. Ind-247. E. Winkler. Lib.

Souris—4 to come. 20 A. E. Thompson. H. Campbell. Lib.

Springfield. 21 E. F. Hutchings. T. S. Reekie. Con.

Turtle Mountain—4 to come. 153 J. Johnston. W. A. Kennedy. Lib.

Virden (Dennis)—2 to come. 54 Jas. Simpson. P. C. McIntyre. Lib.

Winnipeg North. 229 Dr. Neilson. J. D. Cameron. Lib.

Winnipeg South. 50 Hon. H. J. Macdonald. A. P. Martin. Con.

Woodlands—3 to come. 50 R. P. Roblin. A. P. Martin. Con.

3 UNDECIDED.

DAUPHIN—Nomination yet to be held.

GIMLI—Nomination yet to be held.

SASKATCHEWAN—Polling a tie with one place to hear from.

16 CARRIED BY GREENWAY.

Constituency. Majority. Elected. Defeated.

Beautiful Plains. 11 R. C. Ennis. J. A. Davidson. Ind.

Brandon North. 11 A. C. Fraser. W. Henderson. Lib.

Brandon South. 11 F. O. Fowler. W. M. Howard. Lib.

Birtle. 11 C. A. Young. Ed. Kerr. Lib.

Deloraine. 11 J. A. McKenzie. E. D. Lynch. Lib.

Lakeside. 11 J. C. Norris. A. Fenwick. Lib.

Landsdowns—Incomplete. 45 T. W. Lagomaciere. Theo. Pare. Con.

La Verandrye. 11 Jas. Riddle. S. Umphry. Lib.

Lorne. 11 R. L. Myers. T. H. Jackson. Lib.

Minnedosa. 110 Hon. T. Greenway. J. T. Gordon. Lib.

Mountain (about). 118 W. Winkler. W. J. Butler. Lib.

Rhineland. 11 S. A. C. Cregar. H. A. Mullins. Ind.

Russell. 11 S. A. D. Bertrand. J. B. Lauzon. Con.

Westbourne. 11 T. L. Morton. D. Wilson. Lib.

Winnipeg Centre. 115 Hon. J. H. McMillan. A. J. Andrews. Lib.

ONTARIO NICKEL ORE.

Government Anxious to Interest the Lords of the Admiralty in the Canadian Fields.

Toronto, Nov. 25.—The Lieutenant Governor yesterday signed an order-in-council which will have a most far-reaching effect upon the industries of the province of Ontario, and which may result in the establishment in Ontario of extensive works for the production of nickel to be used in the building of warships for the British navy. It is the intention of the government to re-open negotiations with the Imperial authorities under which the lords commissioners of the Admiralty may obtain an interest in the still unpatented nickel lands of the province, and by means of their unlimited supply of nickel, for the manufacture of armor plate, and other materials for the equipment and protection of war vessels.

It will be news to the people of Ontario to learn that a similar offer was made by the government of this province in the year 1891; but as the merits of nickel in connection with the manufacture of armor-plate had not been made apparent, the lords of the admiralty did not deem it wise to avail themselves of the privilege then tendered. The order-in-council also provides for the refining in Ontario of nickel ores produced from lands that may hereafter be patented, and if necessary for the development of the industry, prohibits the export from the province of nickel ores and matte.

Philharmonic Society's Concert.—At the rehearsal of "The May Queen" last night, in Institute hall, it was shown what careful training and conscientious practice will accomplish, and from the result achieved there is every possibility that the concert next Thursday will be the best yet given by this society. There is great improvement noticeable in the chorus since the last two or three rehearsals. Not only are the sopranos vastly stronger, but there is also a marked improvement in the tenors, the altos being exceptionally fine, and altogether the chorus as sounded at the rehearsal is a credit to the society. The improvement noticeable is no doubt due to the fact that in nearly all organizations there is want of regular attendance at rehearsals, and just before a concert everybody comes to the front. This is hardly fair to the faithful, and particularly hard on the conductor, who has to train them. From the announcement made from the platform, there will be a rehearsal for orchestra and soloists on Saturday evening. Victoria ought to feel proud of her choral and orchestral society, which would be a credit to a much larger musical centre.

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THE MANITOBA ELECTION.

Manitoba has gone Conservative. There are two elections yet to be held, and possibly recounts may change some of the returns, but doubtless Mr. Greenway will accept the undoubted verdict of the people and resign without waiting for recounts or to hold the elections in Dauphin and Gimli.

The people of Canada will not concern themselves very much about what he may do. They know that Manitoba has been carried by the Conservatives, who, from having only six seats in the last house, have secured more than a majority of the new one. It is a wonderful turn-over. There has been nothing like it in the history of Canada.

We heartily congratulate Hugh John Macdonald upon his splendid success. It places him in the very forefront of the party and marks him as its leader when Sir Charles Tupper lays down the burden which he has borne so well, and never better than during the exceedingly active contest from which he has emerged with so much honor.

This election shows that the sentiment of the country is changing very rapidly. Following upon the last Ontario general election, it spells out the unquestioned defeat of the Laurier ministry when next they appeal to the people, but it will have the effect of postponing as long as possible a dissolution of the House of Commons.

The election was a square trial of party strength in Manitoba, and was so regarded by every one. The result shows that the western portion of the Dominion is strongly Conservative, and fully bears out the contention that the verdict of 1896 was a snap one, which did not reflect the real sentiments of the people.

Conservatives everywhere will feel immensely gratified at the work done yesterday. It will give them new heart. It will correspondingly depress their opponents, who will not be able to hide from themselves the unmistakable handwriting on the wall. The Conservative party would have been content with what might be called a moral victory; that is, with reducing Greenway's majority to something near the vanishing point, and the manner in which the voters of Manitoba have spoken fills their cup of rejoicing to overflowing.

Yesterday was a great day for Manitoba, a great day for the Conservative party and a great day for Canada. It ensures the early return to power of the party which has made the Dominion what it is.

THE WAR.

Gen. Gatacre seems slow in advancing toward the Free State border, and no explanation of his delay is offered. We are without particulars as to the strength of the force under his command or its exact location.

The news from Ladysmith bears out the idea that the Boer forces are being at least partly withdrawn. Gen. Buller's tactics are well conceded so far as the public know. He has been in touch with the enemy in Natal for about two weeks and has delayed striking. Being in communication with Ladysmith, every night, by means of searchlight signals, he knows that there is no immediate necessity for and advance for the relief of that town. Therefore the presumption is that he is waiting until he has perfected certain plans before engaging the Boer force and attempting to drive it from its position on the Tugela river.

Ladysmith was all right up to Wednesday night, and there are reports of a very successful repulse of a Boer assault, followed by the retreat of the latter. The London Stock Exchange had a rumor that Ladysmith had been relieved, but it probably grew out of the reports above referred to, although, as we have pointed out, it is quite possible that the enemy may have decided not to make a stand against our forces in Natal.

Reports that the Dutch in the north-eastern part of Cape Colony are going over to the enemy are repeated, and in the absence of any success for our arms in that vicinity, may well be true.

Gen. Methuen seems to have a heavy piece of work before him before he disposes of the Boers who are now alleged to be massed at Spytfontein. His troops have rested and been reinforced, and they ought to be able to give an excellent account of themselves. Some of the delay in following up the advantage gained at Modder River was doubtless due to the desire of Methuen to command his force in person. On Wednesday the Canadian regiment was at De Aar, and it will probably be on hand to take part in the fight, if one occurs, at Spytfontein.

THE WEST COAST TELEGRAPH.

The Colonist has been compelled on several occasions to refer to the inadequate telegraph facilities on the West Coast of the Island, and some additional facts and suggestions in connection with it appear elsewhere in to-day's paper. This is a question upon which there can be only one side, and we feel very sure that if the case were properly stated to the Dominion government it would receive attention. Mr. W. W. B. McInnes is the member of the Commons whose special duty it is to make representations on the subject, but he would

undoubtedly find all the other representatives of the province, as well as the senators, join with him in making the necessary representations. With the increasing sea-going traffic of this part of the Continent, it is important that better facilities of communication should be provided with those localities where disasters are likely to occur. The case only needs to be stated to secure support.

A NEEDED PUBLIC WORK.

A much needed public work is a road across Vancouver Island from Quatsino Sound to Hardy Bay. The distance is only ten miles, and several years ago an appropriation was made by the legislature and a road was cut through the forest for about four miles of the distance, leaving six miles more to be cut. In addition to cutting away the timber some low places would have to be gravelled, but the material is close at hand. Besides such a highway a wharf ought to be built at Hardy Bay. The whole cost ought not to exceed \$6,000.

At Quatsino Sound there are some few settlers and considerable prospecting is being done. The principal operation being carried on is the opening of a coal mine by a San Francisco company, which has already expended \$80,000 for that purpose. The mineral indications around the Sound are very promising, but the means of communication are so exceedingly inadequate that it is next to impossible to get possible investors to visit the district. At present the only means of regular communication with the outside world is that afforded by the C. P. N. Company, which sends a steamer up there once a month. This is as much as the company can be expected to do in view of the amount of business available, but every one will see how the development of the district is handicapped. A monthly mail is better than none at all, but that is all there is to be said about it. If any person desires to examine a property on Quatsino Sound and cannot do so while the steamer is up there—and except in very few instances this would be impossible—he must stay a month away from his other business, not including the time occupied in the journey. The only other way of getting out of the district is to take an Indian guide and tramp over the trail to Port Rupert and then go down the coast twenty-one miles in a canoe to Alert Bay, and there catch one of the steamers plying to northern ports on the Mainland. If the proposed road and wharf were built, at least two mails a month could be sent up by steamers on the East Coast of the Island, and these with one mail a month on the West Coast would give three mails monthly, instead of one, and greatly improve the facilities for getting in and out of the district.

The country between the two termini of the proposed road is very well adapted for settlement, and as there will be a good local market as mining development progresses, it would undoubtedly be at once taken up. The whole region is splendidly timbered with spruce, fir, hemlock and cedar. Attention has already been directed to it as a field for extensive pulp works. No part of the province will better repay development, and in on part can so much good be accomplished with so small an outlay. In addition to this, the fact that over \$1,000 a year is collected by the government from the property owners in that neighborhood, for which substantially no return is being made to them, affords an additional reason why the claim above advanced should have immediate consideration. All the Island representatives should unite in urging this matter upon the attention of the government.

THE MAIL SERVICE.

If Mr. Mulock, postmaster-general, has any conception of the needs of this province in the way of postal accommodation, he has yet to give any evidence of the fact. A more wretched service than the more recently settled parts of the province have to put up with cannot be imagined. To paraphrase his blanket postage stamp, we may say that we have a meaner service than has been. One is inclined to wonder what idea Mr. Mulock has of the people who inhabit our mining camps and the nature of their absolute requirements in the way of postal accommodation. If he understands the matter at all he is grossly neglectful of his plain duty, and if he does not understand it he is culpable for not endeavoring to learn. The subject has been brought to our notice by a strong protest in the Phoenix Pioneer in regard to the sort of service which that growing town of 1,000 people has to put up with. It is perhaps not too much to say that a town in British Columbia gets planked—sidewalks, electric light and telephone service before it receives a half decent mail service at the hands of Mr. Mulock. Thus in Phoenix the postmaster gets what the Pioneer describes as the colossal salary of \$1,436 a year. We quote our contemporary's suggestion as to how the general service in the Kootenays can be improved:

There is one remedy. A post office inspector should be located at some interior point—say Nelson or Rossland—and not be expected to do all his business from Vancouver. Then he should have control of some emergency fund and be given some discretion in its use. The Kootenays and Yale have grown rapidly and will continue to grow. It apparently takes a long time to appreciate this at Ottawa. The inspectors do the best they can, but they are hampered by a lot of regulations totally inapplicable here.

First let the Laurier government pay reasonably for services performed in the postal department in this section. Then have the district looked after by an official who is not forced to travel 400 miles or more to get on the ground, and give him discretionary powers and the control of an emergency fund. In no other way can the existing deplorable state of things in the postal service in Southern British Columbia be bettered.

FIFTH REGIMENT BAND.

Among the musical organizations in the city none plays as important a part as the Fifth Regiment band. We all look to it to help out public functions of every kind, but not many people stop to think how it is kept up. In the public mind it is in some way associated with the Drill hall and the militia, and is regarded as something that will continue no matter what happens.

The only remuneration which the bandmen receive is what they get from their summer engagements and winter band concerts. Out of this they buy their music and meet sundry other expenses. Five concerts have been given this season. The gross receipts were \$157.10, of which \$50.85 went to pay expenses and \$76.25 to pay for music, leaving \$30 to be divided among 22 bandmen as remuneration for playing at five concerts and practicing twice a week. It goes without saying that the band can hardly be kept together unless the concerts are more liberally patronized.

An efficient band requires a few professional musicians in order to render high-class compositions; but its revenue is not sufficient to pay even one, so the burden of keeping such performers falls on the shoulders of a few. What seems to be necessary is that the public shall more liberally patronize the concerts and that business men shall make an effort to give employment to the professionals. For example, Mr. Finn says he has at present a first-class musician in the band who holds an honorable discharge after 21 years' service in Her Majesty's forces, whom he may lose for lack of employment. A drummer is also needed, but the bandmaster does not feel justified in bringing one here, because he cannot promise him a livelihood.

This matter is well worth consideration. A good band is a very useful and valuable institution in any community. We would all regret it very much if the Fifth Regiment band's efficiency should be in any degree impaired, and the object of this reference is to show how much rests upon the public in this connection. The Colonist has made a practice of each year saying something editorially about our musical organizations. This is the first time we have spoken of the one now under consideration, and we hope the results will be as good as we have been assured they have been in other similar cases.

It will be recalled that when Sir George Turner was defeated in the Victoria legislature last week he resigned office at once. This is the almost invariable practice.

Mr. Semlin has courteously corrected a statement in the Colonist of yesterday. We said that the Beaven government resigned a few days before the session, whereas it was defeated on the first day of the session. We were misled by what is evidently a typographical error in a Parliamentary Companion.

Odd things happen in war. Thus a force of Carbineers had a lively brush with the Boers near Ladysmith. They had to gallop a thousand yards in an open place in the zone of fire, and the bullets whizzed around them like bees, or, as one of them phrases it, like bees, yet, strange to say, the only casualty was a slight flesh wound to Spencer from a spent bullet.

The Chicago Tribune accuses the Mail and Empire of stealing its special London cables containing the news and editorial opinion of the London Times. To this the Toronto paper replies that it has a right to the despatches which it receives daily and pays for. The Mail and Empire denies the claim of any paper, either in the United States or Canada, to the exclusive right of publishing the Times' despatches. The claim of the Tribune is ridiculous on its face.

PRESS OPINION.

"Col. Otter's advance on Pretoria" will perhaps be among the headlines of the near future.—Mail and Empire.

Not only Victoria, but the whole province will be glad to see prosperity wait upon the mining industry of the Island. It is emphatically a case of the "more the merrier."—The Province.

Mr. Russell Sage, of New York, who is worth in the vicinity of \$90,000,000, has just bought a new suit of ready-made clothes for which he paid \$6.50. That shows how Mr. Sage made his \$90,000,000.—Montreal Herald.

CHAMBERLAIN'S UNDERSTANDING. The fact is that the combination that can be formed among the European powers at any moment depends entirely upon the interests of each. It is folly to talk of all the others combining against any one, for that would fatally disturb the balance of power; and there would always be some whose interest would forbid this. Germany simply could not afford to see British crushed, neither could the United States, and this is the basic fact which best supports Mr. Chamberlain's "understanding." Of all the powers, Britain is in the best position to face a hostile combination, single-handed.—Montreal Gazette.

COMING EVENTS.

The signs of an early appeal to the people by both the Dominion and Provincial governments are numerous, among them being the having of followers of the old political parties by local ward heeler. Grits who haven't been on speaking terms for years are now seen daily together. Tories are brushing up Grit records and talking of Liberal disloyalty. Prominent politicians, if we may use the term, for many of the local ward heeler are self-confessed "prominent" men in the party to which they belong, are more affable to the working man than they have been for some time. These are signs which usually foreshadow a general election to be near.—Phoenix News.

FUTURE OF TRANSVAAL.

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authority of Great Britain. This would be similar to the federation that has recently been formed in Australia. The absorption of Schleswig-Holstein by Prussia, and of Alsace-Lorraine by Germany, were cases of absolute absorption—the identity of the provinces was wholly lost. This was the fact also with regard to Russia in its successive advances in Central Asia, and to France in its conquests of Madagascar, Algeria and Tonquin. The English nation has learned that the permanence of colonial possessions depends upon granting them a certain degree of autonomy. The British colonies to-day are proving themselves most loyal because Great Britain has adopted a most liberal policy towards them. Under British rule the federated republics of South Africa will realize a degree of prosperity that has been unknown to them heretofore.—San Francisco Argonaut.

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Time.	Height above zero.	Time.	Height above zero.
9:20 a.m.	3.8 feet.	1:10 a.m.	5.0 feet.
10:30 a.m.	9.6 feet.	10:45 a.m.	9.4 feet.
3:30 p.m.	7.6 feet.	8:50 p.m.	6.6 feet.
5:30 p.m.	7.6 feet.	7:00 p.m.	7.2 feet.

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Information Expected.—City Inspector Eaton is expecting detailed information very shortly from Professor Robertson, with regard to Sir William Macdonald's scheme of industrial education, and also with regard to what will be required of the province and city in taking advantage of Sir William's munificent offer.

A Valuable Opinion.—B. Gallagher, mining engineer, representing wealthy Montana capitalists, returned from Alberta by yesterday's train, accompanied by Col. G. H. Haye. Mr. Gallagher during the summer visited the various mineral deposits of the Island, and yesterday said that he is most favorably impressed with their extent and value, and believes that there is every prospect that Vancouver Island ores will be extensively worked with profit. He leaves by the Sound steamer this morning for home.

McCord's Close Call.—In connection with the recent visit of the little sloop yacht Xora to Cocos Island, Mr. J. C. Voss, who has just returned to Victoria, gives particulars of an adventure that occasioned Captain Percy McCord the scare of his life, and came within an ace of ending his existence there and then. McCord, in company with a son of Captain Gissler who resides on the island, lost themselves in the forest while hunting wild pigs. They were searched for when their long absence had begun to occasion alarm, and were ultimately found in an utterly exhausted condition, after they had lain down to die.

Now is the time to examine our line of ebony brushes and mirrors for Xmas gifts. "Calling" at Fawcett's means that you are made welcome. Unless you like, don't buy. F. W. Fawcett & Co., 49 Government street.

Boys at Football.—A friendly game of football was played yesterday afternoon between the Second Victoria company, Boys' Brigade, and Laine's Collegiate school, on the latter's grounds, Cook street, resulting in a win for the first

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named team, the score being 4 to 0. J. Hogg scored two and S. Lorimer and W. J. Edmunds one each.

Meet on Saturday.—The Victoria Hunt Club meets on Saturday next at the residence of Mr. F. B. Pemberton, Foul Bay road.

Please call at Russell's, 134 Douglas street, any time before Xmas. Bring the children with you. It will delight them and please you.

Chinatown Improvements.—The brick block on the corner of Government and Fisgard streets is about completed, interior fittings now being installed. A number of Chinese shop-keepers will be the occupants.

For the Hospital.—The treasurer of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital has received, per Hon. Justice Drake, the sum of \$41—a contribution towards the institution collected at Justice Drake's residence, Esquimalt road.

The Service Suburb.—Work on the various buildings being erected by the Imperial authorities at Esquimalt is proceeding rapidly, though the wet weather has interfered to some extent. It is understood that next year greater improvements are in contemplation.

The Reason of It.—Sportsmen are complaining that pheasants are very scarce this season, and attribute this to the fact that the game laws are broken with impunity by pot-hunters, hence pheasants being shot quite as frequently as cocks by these unscrupulous sportsmen.

Prospects of a Busy Spring.—A good spring trade is anticipated in view of the expected rush of miners to Cape Nome, many of whom will pass through Victoria and purchase supplies here, the superiority of the goods dealt in by Victorian merchants being now well known to American miners.

Not Piercy & Co.'s.—The Colonist had a paragraph about an artistic calendar with Piercy & Co.'s name on it. Some people thought it referred to Piercy & Co.'s very handsome presentation engraving, but it did not. The reference was to a calendar which this office is issuing.

Christmas Trade First Class.—Preparations for the approaching holiday trade are advancing apace among local shop-keepers. Large stocks of Christmas holiday goods are arriving daily and being placed on view, and a more than usually profitable trade is anticipated this year.

In Correction.—A slight error was made in dealing with the aspirants for the position of chief of police in yesterday's Colonist. Instead of alluding to George Humphreys, an ex-guardian, as an applicant, it should have read R. A. Humphreys, who wishes it stated that he has not yet made application for the post.

An Active Demand.—One result of the great interest aroused in the war operations in South Africa has been an extraordinary demand for the illustrated British weeklies. This has been felt by local stationers, the demand being particularly keen for the Christmas editions, the supply of which is greatly inadequate.

Mr. Peter's Funeral.—The funeral of the late Henry Thomas Peter took place yesterday from the residence of Mr. R. Hampton, Third street, the remains being laid at rest in Cedar Hill cemetery. Rev. Thomas Grundy officiated at the house and grave side, and those acting as pall-bearers were Messrs. Davidson, Glover, Reid, Tway, W. G. Anderson and J. H. Meldrum.

Home Nursing Society.—The annual meeting of the Victoria Home Nursing Society was held in the city hall yesterday morning, when Mrs. D. W. Higgins was re-elected president, Mrs. A. J. C. Galdy vice-president, and Miss Porritt secretary-treasurer. The reports of the year were submitted and showed that the trained nurse in the society's employ to go among the sick had attended on over 400 cases and had made 600 calls during the year.

He Fell Among Friends.—At a time when the police force comes in for a certain amount of unfavorable comment, it is pleasing to record an incident transpiring yesterday which reflects credit on the department. Patrick Burke, a fireman employed on one of the steamers running out of Seattle, arrived in Victoria a few days ago on his way to San Francisco. Missing the steamer, Burke proceeded to try the process of keeping his spirits up by pouring spirits down, and was picked up about 3 o'clock yesterday morning on Government street by Officer Hartman, in a condition popularly known as "paralyzed." Searchers at the police station he was found to have on his person \$500 in gold, an amount which would have made a nice haul for some crook. Burke paid his fine of \$2.50 in the police court, but when given his liberty and his money he was still in no state to take care of himself. Surgeon Hartman recognizing this induced the man to go to a hotel and deposit his money in the safe until such time as he had recovered from his little celebration. Had this not been done another story might require to be told.

Owen Smiley. A. O. U. W. hall, December 11.

The Century Fund Scheme.—At the recent meeting of the Presbytery of Victoria, held in Kingston, special attention was given to the million dollar century fund scheme of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada, and the necessary arrangements were made for the systematic and vigorous prosecution of the scheme in all the congregations and mission fields of the presbytery. Messrs. E. D. McLaren, of Vancouver, and W. Leslie Clay, of Victoria, are convener and vice-convener for the synod of British Columbia. About \$75,000 of the \$100,000 expected from the ministers of the church has already been subscribed, by a few more than half of the ministers of the church, which of itself augurs well for the complete success of the scheme. Contributions at the option of the subscribers are applied to the reduction or extinction of debts on church buildings or to the missionary or benevolent schemes of the church. Rev. E. D. McLaren, of Vancouver, addressed the congregation of St. Paul's, West Victoria, last evening, and will address a union meeting of Knox church and St. Columbia's this evening, speaking to the congregations of the First church, St. Andrew's and St. Aidan's, Cedar Hill, next Sabbath, all in the interest of the scheme.

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WINNINGHAM-MURRANT.

St. James' Church Witnesses a Pretty Evening Wedding.

At St. James' church, James Bay, last evening the Rector, Rev. Mr. Sweet, performed the ceremony that made Miss Lucy Murrant, eldest daughter of Mrs. J. S. Murrant, the bride of Mr. Joseph D. Winningham, of Seattle. The bride's gown was of white silk, trimmed with the significant orange blossoms, while her attendant friends, Miss Alice Allan and Miss Mary Murrant, were attired respectively in cream silk and white lawn. The brother of the bride, Mr. Richard Murrant, gave the young lady away; while the groom was supported by Mr. William Peden. The groom's souvenir gifts to the bridesmaids were pretty brooches, the one of pearls and the other of pearls and opals. At a reception following the church ceremony, and held at the home of the bride's mother, 17 Pioneer street, Mr. and Mrs. Winningham received the congratulations of a select company of twenty-five most intimate friends. They are taking up their residence at 64 View street.

Among the many presents received by the bride and groom were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Burrows, tray, cloth and fruit dish; Mr. and Mrs. Firth, silver tray and lemonade set; Mr. and Mrs. Davis, leather rug; Mr. and Mrs. Adams, tray and tea set; Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, fancy fruit dishes; Mr. and Mrs. Watson, glass centre piece; Mr. and Mrs. Osborne, pair of vases; Mr. and Mrs. Ward, card receiver; Mr. and Mrs. Hick, fruit bowl; Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins, card receiver; Mr. G. Porter, two large steel engravings; Mr. W. Peden, silver spoons; Mrs. Murrant and daughter, afternoon tea service; Miss Wilmont, table set; Miss Alice Allan, fruit basket; Miss Parcell, one dozen serviettes; and Mr. R. Murrant, centre lamp.

All the tourists stay at the International Hotel, 40 Johnson street.

Just Two Drunks.—The police court record yesterday was limited to a duo of drunks—one white, one Indian.

A Welcome Request.—The late William McDonald, carpenter, by his will has bequeathed the sum of \$200 to the British Columbia Protestant Orphanage.

Guns and Stout.—Mr. Joshua Davies, auctioneer, is to sell at 11 o'clock this morning, a number of 10 and 12 bore hammerless shot guns, a Winchester rifle and twenty-five cases of stout.

Christmas Donations.—The chairman of the special committee for receiving and distributing Christmas donations in behalf of the Friendly Help Society requests the ladies of that committee to meet at the close of the Women's Council session on Monday afternoon at the city hall for the purpose of discussing all arrangements.

W. C. T. U. Meeting.—The ladies of the local W. C. T. U. held one of their regular meetings yesterday afternoon in the Rescue Home, an address by Mrs. Spain being the feature of the proceedings. All tinders for the purchase of the Home property are required to be submitted not later than to-morrow, to Mr. H. C. Hall.

A Sale and a Supper.—Next Tuesday afternoon and evening will be marked by the sale of work and supper for which the members of Perseverance Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. T., have been making preparations during some weeks past. In connection with the supper there will be a good programme provided of a musical and literary character.

Pioneers Dine This Evening.—The large dining room of the Dominion hotel will this evening be the scene of the annual banquet of British Columbia pioneers, a notable body of remarkable men whose individuality has left its impress on the history of the province. The present year banquet promises to be one of the memorable gatherings of the society.

St. John's Recital.—At the second of the Advent series of organ recitals to be given on Sunday next after evensong Mr. Longfield will be assisted by the following recitalists: (1) Misses Laura, Miss Schwengers and Mr. A. T. Goward, and also by Mr. Jesse Longfield (solo violin).

A Christmas Dance.—The members of the Y. M. C. and Y. W. C. have decided to join hands in the Christmas entertainment of their friends, at a dance on the evening of the 27th instant. The preparations are in the hands of an energetic joint committee. Another social event in contemplation for the first week of the new year is a fancy dress ball, to be given at the Assembly rooms under the auspices of the firemen.

Marriage Law Amendment.—It will be noted from the report published yesterday of the recent meeting of the Victoria presbytery that a committee has been appointed by that body to urge forward amendments to the existing legislation respecting the protection of children, temperance reform and the sanctity of marriage. This committee is to co-operate with similar committees appointed by the various other church bodies and with a general committee representative of the Ministerial Association. The matter of securing reforms in the marriage laws is one that is receiving especial attention, not only from the Presbyterian body, but from the majority of the other Protestant churches, the Anglican synod having first taken up the subject. It is particularly desired that the law be so changed as to increase the difficulties of securing

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divorce and limiting the remarriage of divorced persons. One of the Victoria city clergy in conversation yesterday, made the startling statement that at the present time in one-third of the marriages solemnized in this city one or the other of the principals has been granted a divorce.

County Court.—At the regular session of the county court yesterday morning, before Mr. Justice Drake, a few judgment summonses were disposed of, the other cases being adjourned. In the suit of Ah. Sing v. Joseph Knox, of Craigflower road for \$50.50, for improving land, the court allowed the plaintiff \$16.75, providing he complied with the provisions of the contract. Frank Higgins appeared for the plaintiff and C. E. Tooley, Q.C., for the defendant.

Not Unknown Here.—The Indian prince Adrian (also known as a prince of love-makers and a past master of bunco steers, with references in the latter portion from New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, New Jersey, and San Francisco), is still in the hands of the Vancouver police, but expects to wiggle through, as his good luck has not yet deserted him. He is not unknown here, either, for the management of the Hotel Victoria have an unpaid account made out in his name, to which they would respectfully direct his attention when he leaves his present boarding house.

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Kadiak Included in the
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Inner Harbor to be Dredged At
Request of the Board
of Trade.

Among the overdue vessels, for which keen anxiety is felt, is included the two-masted schooner Rattler, now over fifty days out from Kadiak, Alaska. "The vessel left the Alaskan port on October 10, and has not been heard from since," says the San Francisco Examiner. "Four days later the schooner Herman sailed from the same port and arrived here nearly a month ago. The Rattler is a fast sailing craft and has the reputation of being as staunch a little craft as there is afloat. When she left Kadiak she was in ballast, and this fact would be against her in a storm, as she was high out of the water. The Herman encountered a severe storm off the southeast coast of Alaska which came very near ending her career. Her life-boats were smashed and heavy seas washed completely over her. She was compelled to lay to for forty-eight hours, and even during that time she was in constant jeopardy. Capt. Thunnell of the Herman says that he caught the last of the storm. The course of the Rattler was the same as that of his vessel, and if she got into the centre of such a hurricane there is small hope for her. The North American Commercial Company, owners of the overdue craft, profess to still have hope for her safety, and they clutch at straws to support their hope. But as the days go by the wise one shake their heads sorrowfully and say that nothing short of a miracle could bring the vessel into port. If she were still afloat and dis- asted, they argue, some passing ship must have seen her. But not a word comes from the sea, and the fears gain ground that the legend 'overdue' must soon give way to that of 'missing' at Lloyds."

IMPROVING THE CHANNEL.
Surveys and Dredging Ordered in Com-
pliance With Board of Trade
Request.

The work of surveying and sounding in the inner harbor which has been in progress during the past two or three days, under the direction of Mr. C. C. Worsfold of the Dominion public works office at Westminster, is in direct and prompt compliance with a recent request of the Board of Trade, who had by resolution asked that the channel be accurately surveyed and charted from Laurel point, along the water front, as far as the Sayward mills. The reply of the minister of marine was an immediate acquiescence, and the promise is also contained in a letter in the hands of Secretary F. Elworthy that the dredge will be sent over as soon as the survey is

completed, to clear the channel and wharf approaches of their accumulation of silt.

NOME TICKETS IN DEMAND.

Both Alpha and Amur to Have Full
Passenger Lists—Improvements
Under Way.

Since the announcement that the steamers Alpha and Amur would sail in the early spring for Cape Nome, the agents of the companies operating those vessels have been besieged with applications for passage, and it is stated that the berthing accommodation of the two vessels has already been secured. Messrs. Muirhead & Mann have been awarded the contract for the construction of the new cabin and deck house improvements to be made by the C. P. N. Co. on the Amur, prior to the departure of that vessel. Messrs. Muirhead & Mann state that the work will be commenced immediately and rushed to completion at the earliest possible moment.

THE LIBERTAD'S CREW.

Captain and Two Officers Sent for by
Peruvian Consul at Vancouver.

Richard Alexander, Peruvian consul at Vancouver, is arranging for the transportation back of the shipwrecked Libertad crew to Callao. The captain of the abandoned craft went up to Vancouver on Wednesday night, and last evening, in response to a telegram from Mr. Alexander, the mate and second mate left for the Mainland. This telegram was to Manager Lawrence, of the Queen's hotel, which read: "Send up to Vancouver to-night Juanito Boyzo and Teodoro Ramon, of Libertad, and charge the same to me." No explanation was given, and it is supposed that Boyzo and Ramon are wanted simply to substantiate the captain's statement.

WATER FRONT BREVITIES.

Notes of Interest Respecting Local Ship-
ping—Vessels to Arrive and Sail.

Steamer Walla Walla is due from San Francisco to-morrow.
Steamer Idzumi Maru is due from China and Japan on the 20th instant.
Steamer Varrigoe sails for Honolulu and Australian ports on December 15.
Steamer Queen sails for San Francisco December 10.
Steamer Cottage City is due from Alaska.
The N. P. steamer Energia is due from the Orient.
Steamer Roseowitz is due from Northern British Columbia ports.
Steamer Queen City is due from the coast on December 10.
Tenders are being invited by Mr. A. L. Belyea, solicitor for the vendors until noon of the 20th for the purchase of the steamer Reindeer, as she now lies in winter quarters above Five Fingers. The vessel was built and registered at Victoria last year.
Steamer Willapa is due from Northern British Columbia ports on December 10.
Steamer Tees sails for Skagway on December 13. She returned yesterday from Steveston, where she had landed her Northern salmon cargo.
Schooners Arietas, Capt. Wm. Hoeter; Viva, Captain D. McPhee, and Otto, Captain G. F. Goss, cleared yesterday on southern steaming voyages. Each carries a large Indian crew.
The Northern Pacific steamer Beaconshire left Tacoma last night and will arrive early this morning. She will take a number of passengers at Victoria but no freight.
Tug Lorne towed the bark Edward

May from Departure Bay to Oyster Bay yesterday where the deep water vessel is to complete her cargo for Honolulu. The Lorne's next tow was that of the Charles D. Kenny between the same two points.

Bark Theobald was entered yesterday from Honolulu. She has been waiting for several days to go on the ways at Esquimalt, which the Highland Light will vacate to-day. The latter will proceed to Departure Bay from here.

Tug Pilot is blowing down her boilers. She will tow the dismantled bark Colorado North again as soon as the latter has finished discharging her cargo of concentrates at Tacoma.

The American bark Kate S. Troop has finished loading her lumber cargo at the Hastings mill and to-day tows to Port Townsend to receive a crew.

HOLY SAVIOUR'S REOPENING.

Dedicatory Services by the Bishop of
Columbia—Victoria West
Enterprise.

Last evening Holy Saviour's church, Victoria West, was reopened and dedicated by the Bishop of Columbia. The choir, under the leadership of C. W. Jenkinson, assisted by Mr. Hitt, with the organ, and Canon Beauland the lessons and Archdeacon Scriver preaching. The solemn act of the dedication was performed by the Bishop. The increase in the attendance of members of the military force stationed at Work Point barracks, the rector of Holy Saviour's being officiating chaplain to the troops in Victoria. The seating capacity of the church has been nearly doubled. The whole of the wood work is of the best quality of British Columbia wood, a special feature between the transept and nave and the simple though effective treatment of the arcades. The new windows are filled with cathedral rolled glass of a subdued tint, and the southern gable is crowned with a bell turret of considerable elevation and bold outline. The school room had to be removed to the southwest of the church to make room for the addition. The axes between the seats have been widened. Although it is only two months since the addition was decided upon, the parishioners and other friends responded so liberally that the appeal for funds that the original contract price was almost raised in time for the opening last evening.

Special praise for the success of the undertaking is due to the members of the building committee, the rector, Messrs. Price, Finmore and Penwill, and the general committee, consisting of Sir Henry Crease, Hon. P. O'Reilly, Capt. Gaudin, Beaumont Boggs, H. Brackman, P. R. Brown, E. J. Eyres, C. W. Jenkinson, H. C. Martin, J. Mitchell, C. T. Penwill, R. J. Russell, S. Shore and C. B. Wilson.

THE DIFFERENCE.
Maj. North—"I understand that you were raised in Kentucky, sir."
Col. South—"Ah wasn't raised, sah, ah was descended, sah!"—Brooklyn Life.

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"Jimmy Roche"
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The Irish Conservative-Nationalist
Expected During the
Next Few Days.

Something About a Curious
Domestic Tangle—Imperial
Affairs Discussed.

Hon. James Boothby Burke Roche, member in the Imperial parliament for a constituency in Kerry, Ireland, is expected here in the course of the next few days from San Francisco, where he has been spending some little time. He is an Irish Nationalist member, or as he terms himself a "Conservative-Nationalist"—which is to be interpreted as meaning that while he is a staunch advocate of Home Rule, he does not feel prompted by his conscience to support the cause of England's enemies.

To quote the Examiner of a recent date, "Mr. Roche, when he was much younger than he is now married the daughter of Mr. Frank Work, of New York. Mr. Work being a millionaire several times over with a taste for good horses. His daughter was considered one of the most beautiful girls in New York when she became the wife of Mr. Roche. The union was not a happy one. Roche was an aristocratic Democrat, and Mrs. Roche was a Democratic aristocrat—or at least she thought she was. "After a couple of years of bickering Mrs. Roche returned to the United States and brought suit for divorce in Delaware. Ex-Secretary of State, ex-Senator, and ex-several-other-things Bayard, was her attorney. She got a divorce and with it the possession of her children. She has three children, the oldest a girl now fifteen, and two boys, twins. The first of these boys to appear, the one who had the blue ribbon put around his arm, will be the future Lord Fermoy if he outlives his father. He is now at private school in Connecticut.

"Mr. Roche did not recognize as legal the divorce obtained by his wife. When he was nominated by the Tim Healey wing of the Irish Nationalists for a seat in Parliament for Kerry four or five years ago, his enemies and opponents raised the issue that he was a divorced man. This, in a strictly Catholic constituency, would invariably prove fatal. Roche denied the divorce, and sued for libel the publisher of Burke's Peerage that stated in his pedigree that he had been divorced. The libel suit was tried, and the Irish Supreme court held that the divorce granted to Mrs. Roche by the state of Delaware was not legal in Great Britain.

"This put Mrs. Roche in an anomalous position. She is one of the undisputed leaders of the New York Four Hundred. She calls herself Mrs. Burke Roche, always with the hyphen. Mr. Roche says that is not her name. He says his name is plain Roche and that he was named James Boothby Burke after one of his father's friends. Mrs. Roche, however, thinks that the hyphen gives her distinction in New York and Newport. When Lord Fermoy dies, and he has been an invalid for ten years and is liable to cross the divide any day, Mrs.

Work-Burke-Roche will be in a more embarrassing situation still. The courts of Great Britain will recognize her as Lady Fermoy. Her oldest son will be the heir to the title and vast estates of the family, yet, according to her own contention, supported by the courts of Delaware, she will be merely Mrs. Burke-Roche.

Conversing with a reporter of the Examiner Mr. Roche said: "There cannot be any trouble between the United States and Great Britain. There is too much common sense in both countries for that. I would like to see a positive alliance between the two countries, although I know that most Irishmen residing in America are very much opposed to it. I do not take my views, however, from a majority of my countrymen. I claim the right to create and formulate my own views.

"In time the boundary question will be settled satisfactorily to all concerned. I am not a stickler. I have some extensive mining interests in the Klondike region and I would just as soon that my property should be under the jurisdiction of the United States as of Great Britain. "We are apt to have some set-backs in South Africa, but they will not last. We will whip the Boers, and our control of the territory will be in the interest of civilization. We all feel more or less nervous at the present time. I, for instance, have two nephews and three first cousins in the army in South Africa and another at Kimberley.

"There is no danger that the European powers will intervene. They all have troubles of their own and will not be disposed to bother us. I do not think that our people contemplate the abolition of the Transvaal Republic; but we surely shall exert a more definite and more satisfactory understanding and will insist that Britons residing in the Transvaal shall be put on an equality with those of Dutch descent.

"It is my impression that if the government of the United States was eager and in earnest it would eventually compel the government of Great Britain to take up and consider favorably the question of bi-metalism. Mr. Arthur Balfour, the government leader in the House of Commons, is a strong bi-metalist. So are most of the country gentlemen representing agricultural interests in parliament from England, Ireland and Scotland. The Irish Nationalists, to which party I belong, are almost a unit in favor of the restoration of silver as money.

"Archbishop Welch of Dublin, one of the ablest men in Great Britain, shares with Mr. Balfour the leadership of the bi-metallic forces in the Empire. "No, Home Rule for Ireland is not dead, nor sleeping, nor dreaming. It is bound to come. It may take some time, but it is inevitable. We have no great leader now, although we have plenty of conspicuous ability. Some day some man modelled on the lines of Parnell will spring up and then will come the finish. There never can be a consolidated British Empire until an Irish parliament is established in Dublin."

SIX ROUNDS SETTLED IT.

New York, Dec. 5.—"Bob" Dobbs, late of England and formerly of Minneapolis, was knocked out by Joe Walcott to-night at the Broadway Athletic Club, in the sixth round of what was to have been a twenty-five round go.

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From the Ottawa Citizen.

Had it not been that the story was telegraphed from Boston that the Dominion government is incurring a penalty of \$250 a day for delaying the steamer Montauk, which is loading hay at that port for South Africa, the facts would probably never have been made public of a transaction which redounds to the credit of a Canadian public officer, and will doubtless inure to the benefit of Canadian trade.

When Prof. Robertson arrived in Boston the other day to inspect, on behalf of the British war office, the cargo of Canadian hay being loaded on the Montauk, he found a lot of decidedly inferior stuff being pressed for shipment. This he at once rejected. Contractor Bloomingdale, however, who had a corner on all the available Canadian hay, or thought he had, insisted on the stock being put on board just as he pleased to offer it, and took what he considered ample precautions to further secure his clench on the available supply. But the Canadian commissioner of agriculture for all his placid manner, is a bad man to run up against a cold bluff of this sort. He knew that if many of the bales put up by the contractor were allowed to go forward, a scandal would result that would forever ruin the reputation of Canadian hay in a very promising market. He was not going to have musty fodder labeled "Canadian hay" flogged on the army if he could help it. Fortunately there were several hundred tons of prime Canadian hay in Boston subject to his disposal, and a despatch to Washington secured, in a few hours, official permission to have it shipped.

Next he set about obtaining use of the patent hay-pressing device by which the fodder is compressed into about one-third the ordinary bulk. A wire to the owners in New York fixed that all right, and the jaunty contractor reached the dock next morning to find that his paraphernalia had been cleared off the wharf over-night and the process of pressing prime hay and loading it on the steamer was going mer-

ely forward under the commissioner's personal supervision. The contractor played his last card by threatening Prof. Robertson with the displeasure of the Imperial war office at the delay thus incurred and reminding him of the steamer's demurrage charge of \$250 a day. The commissioner was firm. He would take all chances, he said, rather than allow one bale of inferior fodder to go forward. Then the contractor wilted. He would agree to any terms of compromise the commissioner could reasonably impose, and offered, it is further said, to furnish affidavit that the hay Prof. Robertson had rejected was as good as, if not better than, much that had already been shipped and passed by the British authorities. Nothing moved by this appeal, the commissioner reaffirmed his determination to take only prime standard hay, but such as the contractor had that would pass rigid inspection he agreed to accept.

These facts Prof. Robertson communicated to the Imperial authorities, and yesterday received in reply a cablegram from the war office expressing entire satisfaction with what had been done, and assuring him that Her Majesty's government would cheerfully pay the demurrage incurred, so long as the delay ensured first class hay being forwarded.

Prof. Robertson will arrive in Boston to-day to inspect the balance of the cargo of 2,500 tons which the Montauk is to carry to Capetown, and, notwithstanding the delay in loading it, it is believed the hay will reach its destination by the 2nd of January.

A PATRIOTIC WINDOW.

"I suppose the war here received a warm welcome when he returned to his native town?"

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"How was that?"

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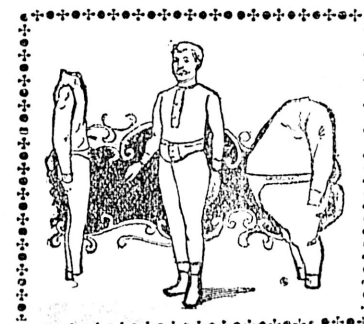
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PROVINCIAL NEWS

GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, Nov. 29.—J. P. Graves, general manager of the Knob Hill and Old Ironsides, has returned from a trip to Phoenix. The Knob Hill tunnel is now in 380 feet, and the vertical depth at its face is 169 feet. The ore now being encountered, according to Mr. Graves, is the best in the history of the mine's development. The average copper values in the last week were 4 per cent, and besides the ore carries good gold values. Crosscutting is now in progress to the west from the face of the tunnel, to be driven 130 feet to connect with upraise No. 2 to the surface at that point. The winze has now been sunk 120 feet below the floor of the tunnel. One assay made yesterday afternoon last round of shots had been fired gave a fraction over 12 per cent. of copper, and this ore looks very much the same as the ore in the Victoria at the 200-foot level, where work is also being steadily carried on. Mr. Graves added that the Knob Hill never looked better than during his recent visit. The Knob Hill spur is being constructed to the ore bins, and made a cut through a portion of the Victoria and Old Ironsides ground from one foot to fifteen feet in depth for a length of nearly 500 feet, exposing the entire distance. The ore in the east drift on the 300-foot level of the Old Ironsides has greatly improved within the past few weeks. The south drift on the same level is following the footwall, which is well defined. Sinking to the 400-foot level is now in progress, the shaft being down about 330 feet, the greatest depth thus far attained in the Boundary country. The south drift on the 200-foot level is still being extended, and a good grade of ore is being disclosed. The ore bins are being rushed to completion. The new bin-house is practically finished and is partially equipped with an engine and dynamo for the workings will arrive within two weeks. Work on the engine house has already commenced. It is the intention of the management to use electricity in lighting the tunnel of the Knob Hill and the shafts and drifts of the Old Ironsides and Victoria, as well as the engine house, boarding house and compressor buildings. A pumping plant, including a boiler, is now being installed. A tank with a capacity of 50,000 gallons of water, to be utilized in the washing of the ore, for domestic and other purposes, is now under construction. The ore bins and hoisting plant will be in working order by the time the spurs are laid and the smelter is ready to receive ore. The mill will employ 150 men, but this will be increased to between 300 and 400 as soon as the mines begin to ship. Mr. Graves stated that the management has decided to install an additional compressor plant of 40 drills. Thirty days, he thought, would elapse before the rails reached Phoenix. Mr. Graves added that he had been informed during his stay there of a new strike in the Brooklyn. At the 150-foot level six feet of high-grade ore was encountered.

At the last sitting of the court here between 25 and 30 aliens took out their final naturalization papers. S. Thornton Langley, a Roseland mining operator, will shortly start development work on an extensive scale on the Christina, a well-known North Fork property. Mr. Langley proposes making his headquarters in Grand Forks. Ald. P. W. McLean died yesterday after a brief illness. His funeral this afternoon, under the auspices of the Masonic order, was largely attended. C. E. Bradley is in charge of the Norfolk Central camp. This claim, to the north of the adjoining New York claim, is owned by the London & B. C. Goldfields, Ltd. It is expected that eight or ten men will be employed through the winter on this property, into which the No. 7 ledge extends. Two prospecting shafts will probably be sunk and other exploratory work be done in search of ore bodies on one or both of the claims. Work is in progress on the Boneta, on Observation mountain, within the city limits. A 50-foot tunnel is being driven to tap the lead. Ross Thompson, the founder of Rossland, is planning a new townsite on the Oro Denoro claim, in Summit camp. It adjoins Summit City and will be known as Oro.

Coming to a severity of locomotives on the Columbia & Western the congestion of freight traffic at Robson still continues. A permanent railway bridge is being erected across the Kettle river in this city. Andrew Laidlaw, of Spokane, has bonded the Bengal group, in Deadwood camp, on behalf of a Quebec syndicate. It is a gold-copper proposition. He is also holding the Atholton, in Wellington camp, for Toronto parties. Dr. T. C. Brainard, president of the Hamilton Powder Company of Canada, is associated with President Shangknessy of the C. P. R. and other Eastern capitalists in the ownership of the Gold Rock, in Greenwood camp. "We have a great mine in the Gold Rock," said he. "Development work has disclosed an ore body from 60 to 90 feet wide, carrying good values. It is an immense showing. We will continue development work all winter and will be shippers next summer." W. A. Campbell, of Greenwood, is the author of a project to connect Greenwood with Phoenix by a five-mile tunnel at a depth of 2,000 feet. He claims that besides tapping rich leads the tunnel could be used for conveying ore to the Greenwood smelter. The scheme is considered somewhat visionary.

COLUMBIA.

Columbia, Dec. 4.—Manager Donald A. Ross, of the Sallor Boy group, in Camp McKinney, writes that the ledge has been cut 10 feet sooner than expected, and that the showing of ore is very encouraging. There seems to be every indication that the Sallor group will become a very valuable property under the careful management of Mr. Ross.

Mr. J. S. Shook, who has shipped about 300,000 feet of dry lumber into this place and Greenwood, intends building a large first-class warehouse here, with a furnished accommodation for the heavy trade springing up between this place and Re-

public. He is ready to begin construction just as soon as the C. P. R. officials decide upon the location of the warehouse. This enterprise has the best wishes of all who do business here, as the need of such a storage place is felt keenly.

Beginning from to-day the east-going train will arrive at 2 p.m., the east and west express crossing here instead of at Niagara as heretofore. We have had one of the pioneers of the province with us for several days. Robert Stevenson, now of Princeton, is on the wrong side of sixty, but like many another man whose days have been spent on the hillside does not show his age. Time has dealt very lightly with Mr. Stevenson, and he can boast a still bristling head with the best of them yet. Moreover, he can tell stirring tales of the golden days of '50, '60 and '61 when the red-shirted miners were forcing their way up the unknown Fraser, and wrestling the nuggets from the gravels of Cerrobo. One of his best stories deals with a certain quartz vein of fabulous richness, in a well-seeded part of Yale district, to which he alone knew the way. It has many points in common with the famous old Lost Cabin Mine story, which has whiled away so many dreary hours around camp fires in the United States and Canada.

Mr. Stevenson has claims on Granite creek, 12 miles from Princeton, which he believes will yield 15 cents to the cubic yard of gravel. He has, as well, copper claims on Kennedy and Copper mountains, in fact will be one of the first to profit by the development of the Shillikameen.

COMOX.

A panther ten feet long was killed at the lake Sunday. Miss McKay, of Victoria, has taken a position in Mrs. Ostrander's dressmaking rooms. Comox school is closed till after the holidays, when Mr. J. N. Muir will take charge. Miss Netherby was a popular and successful teacher, but having failed to pass the examination in July, the superintendent refused to grant her a temporary certificate, without which no salary can be drawn. There are several bad washouts on different parts of the district roads. At the junction of the Courtenay river Tuesday evening R. McQuillan's team with a load of hay sunk in a mud hole. The horses got out all right, but it was some time before the mud was taken away. Bridges have been swept down and washed out across the Comox road. "No great loss without some gain." The floods mean a thousand dollars or so spent on the district highways.—Cumberland News, Dec. 2.

NEW SOUTH WALES PASTORAL INDUSTRY.

In view of the steadily increasing Australian export trade in frozen meat and other food produce, some facts in connection with the New South Wales pastoral industry may not be out of place. In 1890 the estimated number of sheep in the colony was 6,419,163, there being a steady annual increase, with the exception of two or three years, until 1897, when the figures were 6,183,416. Since then the numbers have persistently decreased, until in 1898 they stood at 4,214,001, a result of the severe droughts in the pastoral districts. But the recuperative powers of the pasture lands is simply marvellous, two or three good seasons sufficing to recoup the losses of previous years. How many sheep could be sustained by the colony under a system of artificial feeding and watering may be ascertained by a question of national interest; but it is abundantly plain that with a succession of fair seasons it would be impossible, under the present mode of depasturing stock, for the colony to support for any number of years an increase of sheep similar to that experienced in 1891, as in nine years' time the flocks would increase from the present number of 4,214,001 to 103,600,000—a total equal to that now found in all Australasia. The stock-carrying capabilities of the colony are, however, very difficult to estimate, as by far the greater portion of the country is in its natural state. Improvements, such as a better system of water conservation and irrigation, an intelligent extension of the growth of salt-bush, cotton-bush, and other drought-resisting shrubs and natural grasses, and the cultivation of artificial fodder, are gradually being effected, and will indefinitely extend the capacity of the colony for supporting stock of all descriptions. In 1870 the quantity of wool exported from New South Wales was 34,608,600 pounds; in 1891 it was 255,204,601 pounds; in 1898 it was 280,918,406 pounds; the bulk being of good, average quality. The value of the wool clip in 1890 was £1,454,280; in 1898 it was £19,020,636; and in 1891 £11,020,018; in 1898 it had fallen to £8,261,721. If the pasture resources of New South Wales expanded at a rate at all approaching that of the natural increase of live stock, the inability of the colony to dispose of its surplus would not be a matter of material concern, for though all classes of sheep decrease in value after a certain age, the value of their wool, except in special and exceptional circumstances, is more than equal to the value of the grass they would consume. It unfortunately happens, however, that under the present conditions of pasturage the number of sheep in the colony is, in a favorable season, too great to be properly maintained, so that the disposal of the surplus is an important question. Hence the prominent given to the export trade in frozen meat. There are already in the colony works for preserving mutton, whose output for the year 1897 amounted to a little over 750,000 sheep, while the frozen meat trade required some 1,000,000 more. During 1897, 627,000 sheep were bled down for tallow, so that only the whole of the surplus sheep of the colony were disposed of, but by reason of the heavy losses through drought an inroad was made on the flocks remaining to the extent of 47,000. The weight of the preserved meat exported prior to 1887 cannot be given, as it was not recorded; but it may be mentioned that during 1895 the shipments of frozen meat comprised 1,021,000 carcasses of mutton and 88,719 quarters of beef; during 1896, 1,372,373 carcasses of mutton and 16,280 quarters of beef; and during 1898, 1,095,568 carcasses of mutton and 30,593 quarters of beef. The minor pastoral products include tallow, edible fat, lard, skins and hides, furs, horns, hoofs, bones and hair. The average output of tallow for the last five years was 42,150 tons per annum. In 1893 the total production was 42,050 tons; in 1894, 53,450 tons; in 1895, 55,850 tons; while in 1896 it fell to 28,550 tons. The total output for 1897 was 32,550 tons, of which 24,250 were exported,

and 8,000 tons used locally. The value of the 1897 production was approximately £542,025. During 1898, and 1897 a quantity of edible fat was exported to the United Kingdom; but lately the industry has been abandoned. In 1896 the quantity sent away was 142,330 pounds, of the value of £4,779; in 1897 the quantity exported was 450,002 pounds, valued at £1,887. The quantity and value of lard, the produce of the colony, exported during the last five years was: In 1893, 31,759 pounds, valued at £563; in 1894, 51,112 pounds, valued at £778; in 1895, 68,064 pounds, valued at £1,074; in 1896, 40,723 pounds, valued at £714; in 1897, 40,459 pounds, valued at £1,029; and in 1898, 59,433 pounds, valued at £1,182. The value of the net exports of skins and hides for the last ten years was as follows: In 1888, £178,536; in 1889, £250,702; in 1890, £191,218; in 1891, £388,395; in 1892, £509,033; in 1893, £628,691; in 1894, £348,020; in 1895, £618,680; in 1896, £322,100; in 1897, £418,100. There is a small trade done in the export of furs, the produce of the colony, the value in 1894 being £669; in 1895, £1,245; in 1896, £1,371; and in 1898, £1,561. But the import is larger, and principally from Tasmania, the value of the net import of furs being £189,419; in 1897, £9,459 pounds, valued at £1,029; and in 1898, 59,433 pounds, valued at £1,182. The value of the kind which could not be obtained locally. The value of hoofs, horns and bones, the produce of the colony, exported during the last four years, was as follows: In 1894, £17,558; in 1895, £20,101; in 1896, £20,593; in 1897, £21,910; and in 1898, £14,682.

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42—Cathlamet and Blanchard streets.
43—Caledonia and Cook streets.
45—Spring Ridge.
51—Douglas and Discovery streets.
52—Government and Princess avenue.
53—Kings road and Second street.
54—Pountain, Douglas street and Hillside avenue.
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THE WEATHER.

Metereological Office,
Victoria, Dec. 7.—8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.
As anticipated yesterday the ocean storm area quickly developed and high winds and easterly gales have prevailed; the low pressure is now over Cariboo, and although the barometer is rising again along the coast the weather conditions are very unsettled. Rainfall has been chiefly confined to the Straits and Sound. A maximum hourly wind velocity of 52 miles is reported from Fort Canby on the Columbia river.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	40	48
New Westminster	38	48
Kamloops	36	48
Barkerville	26	34
Calgary	30	40
Winnipeg	16	38
Portland, Ore.	40	54
San Francisco	44	60

FORECASTS.
For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time) Friday:
Victoria and Vicinity—Fresh to strong southeast and west winds; partly fair, with occasional rain.
Lower Mainland—Westerly winds; partly cloudy, with rains.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.
Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon, and 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, Dec. 7.

	Bar.	Therm.	Wind.	Cloud.	Dir.	Vel.	Deg.
5 a.m.	30.0	49	Mean	49			
Noon	30.0	49	Highest	52			
5 p.m.	30.0	47	Lowest	47			

Average state of weather—Cloudy.
Rain—13 in.
Sunshine—12 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Observed, 29.424; Corrected, 29.406.

Some Practical Suggestions.

Rev. Mr. Ellison Shows How the West Coast Telegraph May Be Improved.

Its Present Maintenance a Farce So Far as Its First Purpose Is Concerned.

Telegraphic connection with the West Coast is at present secure by way of the Alberni-Cape Beale route, and has been for almost a week past. This in itself is a matter of so unusual occurrence as to be entitled to publication as news. The Carmanah signal service wire, which also is maintained by the federal authorities, is dead, as it has been for three-quarters of the time since its construction. From the standpoint justifying their construction—to enable prompt report to be made of shipping mishaps along the hazardous western coast line—both wires have signally demonstrated their utter failure, a very recent illustration being in connection with the disasters to the Hera and the Liberator. Speaking of the illustration referred to, Rev. W. C. H. Ellison, who takes a very active and intelligent interest in seamen and their cause, says in a talk to the Colonist:

"Each year witnesses an increase in the number of disasters along this dangerous west coast of the Island, and some public attention should be directed to the needs and facilities of seafaring people. I was in the local telegraph station on the line running from Cape Beale to Victoria, via Alberni, when the news was flashed along the wire, 'two ships ashore at'—

"It was then the line went down. 'I said to the lineman, 'You had better go out and fix that wire.' 'His reply was 'It will do in a few days.' 'But,' I said, 'there are probably lives and property at stake.' 'Oh, well,' he observed, 'I'll send an Indian out now.' 'The Indian started three days later. 'Now, this government telegraph line, leased, I understand, to the C.P.R., at all events, operated by that company, is often down for three weeks at a time, when most needed. We have a continually increasing mining traffic and much other dangerous work in progress along the whole length of the western coast. No one envies the lineman his dangerous task in winter, but it is nevertheless the duty of the government to see that the line is kept going, and the right men found to keep it up at all costs. 'Let me suggest that a telephone be fixed in each station, so that in the case of the absence of an operator, news may still be sent when absolutely necessary. 'I might suggest, too, that the Provincial and Dominion governments should cut a four-foot trail along the entire length of the line, which in many places is now dangerous and impassable, so that local foot traffic might be made practicable; that a regular local lineman be appointed for each section, a man who will be ready to face any weather to keep the line going, and should any one station fail, so that it might be possible to carry on foot any important message to the next station. 'The line as at present conducted is almost wholly useless, except to enable a few people to draw salaries. 'A short time since, I had occasion to send a message of importance along the line, which was accepted and paid for at the head office. This message eventually arrived at its destination ten days afterwards, and by a stage, which had received it in a postal letter a week before. 'In cases of emergency, such as of shipwreck, explosion in mines, etc., or of local importance continually occurring on the increase on the West Coast, could not some effort be made by the authorities to improve the existing condition of affairs? 'Any persons wishing to co-operate in this direction would oblige by adding their names to a petition now in preparation, asking the government to improve the means of communication referred to. This petition may be seen at the Seamen's Mission on Store street."

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R. Collier.	D. D. Denny.
W. B. Kirby.	P. B. Pemberton.
J. G. Wilson.	Thos. Bradbury.
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LIKE A RESURRECTION.

Long Lost Rochester Man Reappears After Corpse Had Been Identified and Life Insurance Collected.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 6.—Three years ago Robert Earl disappeared from his home in Rochester and no trace could be found of him. Last September a man was found dead in an ice-house in Rochester, and Mrs. Earl identified the body as that of her husband. The body was buried, and a small amount of insurance placed on Earl's life was collected.

Several days ago a friend of Mrs. Earl when visiting this city met a man who resembled Earl that on his return to Rochester he notified the supposed widow of his discovery. To-day Mrs. Earl came to Buffalo, accompanied by a Rochester detective, and, being brought to a police station where the double of the supposed dead man had been summoned, Mrs. Earl again identified him as her husband. A reconciliation took place, and the couple returned to Rochester to-night.

Earl's only explanation for his absence is that he did not like his mother-in-law.

BUCKET SHOP CRUSADE.

Stock Exchanges Discuss Means for Suppression of Their Hum-bler Imitators.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—A concerted movement will be made by commercial exchanges all over the country against the bucket shop system. The Chicago board of trade has taken the initiative.

Secretary George Stone has circulated reports of a resolution adopted by the directors calling upon the exchanges of the country to form against this form of speculation. A number of replies have been received, and each indicates that the feeling against the bucket shops is as strong in other large cities of the country as in Chicago.

The purpose of the anti-bucket shop crusade is to strike at the bottom of the business by securing the aid of the New York stock exchange and the cotton exchange, which, it is said, in conjunction with the Chicago board of trade, forms the basis of nearly all the bucket shop operations in the country.

FRENCH VITAL STATISTICS.

Paris, Dec. 6.—There were 849,933 births registered in France during 1898, a decrease of 15,174. The deaths for the same period numbered 810,073, an increase of 59,054 as compared with 1897.

The old man who looks out at the world with clear and keen eyes cannot help feeling great gratification at the thought that his children have inherited from him no weakness nor tendency to disease. The healthy old man is the man who throughout his life kept his digestion good and his blood pure. Not one in a thousand does it. Gorms go through the healthy body without effect. Let them once find lodgment in the blood and a weak spot, they will develop by the million and the blood will be full of them. Instead of giving strength to the tissues, it will force upon them a constant matter, and the man will lose flesh, and the more susceptible he is to disease, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the only medicine that absolutely and reliably cures all blood diseases, and almost all diseases are blood diseases. It isn't a medicine for some one particular so-called disease. It is a medicine for the whole body. It forces out all the gorms of disease, and replaces impurities with rich, red blood.

Letters to the Editor.

CIVIL IMPROVEMENTS.

Sir: That usage becomes second nature is the only excuse admissible for Victoria being so far behind the times in necessary improvements, but it is difficult for new-comers to understand how, with such unequalled beauty of landscape, splendid natural drainage and boundless facilities and materials for making it one of the most beautiful and healthy cities of the world, its people should be willing to splash the even tenor of their way through the mud of ages, as though it were their natural heritage. The tone of a city is best evidenced by the care bestowed upon its public thoroughfares, and if it were necessary to shame ourselves into action, I would ask where is there another city of the age, size, wealth and opportunities of Victoria with gruesome streets and sidewalks? Is it to be wondered at that so little property finds purchasers, that so few of those who are charmed with a summer visit to Victoria care to settle here, while most of our streets and avenues are undrained in winter and dust in summer?

Except the good work on Government and Fort streets, few of our roads are sufficiently crowned to shed water, and many of our main thoroughfares in the heart of the city are a quagmire of leaves, mud and water for several feet on either side, from early fall to late spring; with stone for the using on every hand, yet scarce a gutter in the city worthy the name to carry off surface water. Our sidewalks are but temporary makeshifts at best, and a serious menace to health.

This state of affairs is inexcusable where so many of the streets are thickly settled. All the road-beds in the city should be well rounded up the full width and finished at either side with a stone gutter not less than three feet wide and laid to grade and edged by a stone and concrete or stone coping. This will ensure no standing water, and dry, healthy streets. All sidewalks on business streets and main thoroughfares should be cemented the full width and on residence streets not less than four and one-half feet, leaving space on the outer or both sides for trees or lawn.

If this plan is carried out thoroughly and economically, it will have cost the city less at the end of fifteen years than under the present patchwork system.

Only those who have experienced it can realize the stimulus there is to better things in such an example of cleanliness, healthy improvement, and it will be in place right here to bear in mind that Victoria stands out as the capital of British Columbia, and as such it becomes us to maintain our precedence by making it, not the first in name only, but the model city for the province whose representatives assemble here.

We are all agreed doubtless that we wish these and similar necessary improvements to be carried out without further delay. The burgess seems to be to make the expense fall with even justice on all who will be benefited, notably the property owner, by the added value and more ready sale of property; the business man, through a saving in horse-draw and vehicles and assured growth of business; the individual in better health, comfort and opportunities for enjoyment.

But why delay the work while we haggle over how the costs shall be met or assessments made? When a very sick person needs attendance do we allow such an one to grow worse while we talk over how the doctor shall be paid before sending for him? Enough that the work is a necessity to the city's welfare, and that the said city is more than equal to the outlay; then let the good work go on. Meanwhile let those by law, or by the choice of the people so constituted, decide how and when the costs shall be met; and let us bear in mind that it is far easier to raise money for visible improvements than toward promised uncertainties.

In regard to raising funds I would suggest that the superabundance of dogs on our city streets should be made a source of revenue, inasmuch as they are not a necessity, and as every merchant has good cause to know, their manners have not kept pace with modern sanitary requirements.

The non-resident owners of unimproved property have doubtless been the means of staying improvements more than any other class, and there should be some means found of compelling such to bear their full share of cost of same, instead of paying a small tax on "stagnant property," while it fattens in value through the efforts and heavier taxation of the "active citizen." Either they should make their property self-supporting or give others an opportunity so to do, and failing in this, should pay a "penalty tax" in recompense for gain obtained through other efforts than their own.

In conclusion I would say that "city improvements" should be heartily encouraged and helped along by all concerned, regardless of party or other feeling. A perfect city should be as a perfect home, of which the suburbs are the garden, and in all of which each individual should feel an instinctive pride as one family.

Let us forever do away with the necessity of apologizing to our visitors for things not being as up to date as in neighboring cities of later growth.

This is a matter for action, not for argument. Let the good work so well begun go on to completion.

A MANUFACTURER.

BAD FOR MOLENEUX.

Former Warm Friend Tells of His Hostility to Recipients of the Poison.

New York, Dec. 6.—The entire day in the trial of Roland R. Molineux was taken up in the examination of Rudolph Heiles, a warm friend of Molineux, and the introduction of letters as evidence in the case.

Heiles was on the witness stand yesterday, and the testimony which he gave them in answer to the prosecution's rigid questioning was of a sensational nature, tending to place the prisoner in a bad light. To-day Mr. Weeks counsel for Molineux, made an effort to shake Heiles' testimony, but notwithstanding the witness reiterated his testimony that Molineux hated Cornish and Harpster, and he had endeavored to have Cornish removed from the Knickerbocker Athletic Club and Harpster from his employment.

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Heroes of the West Coast.

How Men of Clayoquot Proved Their Right to Badges of the Humane Society.

Captain of the Lost Hera in a Very Unworthy Position—A Magnificent Spectacle.

An interesting private letter in reference to the burning of the schooner Hera has just been received from Clayoquot, the writer (a lady) having a view from her window of the still-burning vessel even as she wrote.

"We have had great excitement here all day," she says in this letter, which bears date of November 25. "About 10 o'clock Fred (Mr. Spain, the provincial constable), and several others sighted a three-masted ship at sea flying a flag of distress. They thought she was on a rock, so Fred and five others decided to go out to her, although there was a terrible sea running.

"I think you can imagine better than I can describe my anxiety, as well as Mrs. Jacobson's and Mrs. Brewster's, whose husbands were also. It was a very brave act, as they encountered a great deal of danger, and now have the satisfaction of knowing that they saved the lives of six men.

"When they got to the ship after a long, hard pull, they found her to be on fire, and six desperate men ready to jump into the boat as soon as she came near enough. Of course if they had done this the boat would have been swamped and all drowned, and it was only by standing up with axes in hand and calling out that the first man that jumped in would be killed that this was prevented. Then one by one they were safely got on board.

"By this time the whole ship was red hot. If it had been anything but a burning ship they might have saved it and made a good deal out of it. The ship was on her way to Honolulu, and had 12 planes on board, besides a large cargo. But the strangest part is they left the ship out at sea. The wind was blowing very strong, and the tide was coming in, and she came along with it just as though she had had captain and crew on board steering her.

"As I write, she is just in front of the house, on a sand bar, one of the grandest and yet one of the most awful sights I have ever seen. The whole room is lit up with the light from her, and I have only to turn my head to see her. She is one mass of roaring flame, and as it is a very black night, the entire harbor is lit up.

"The captain of the burning ship acted like a brute. There was only one boat, and he and the owner of the vessel, with his daughter and two men, got into it and left the others to perish. They had put themselves a raft, but it would have been worse than useless in such a sea. The ship is the Hera."

This Hera, it may be remembered, was the same vessel that acquired so unenviable a reputation on a recent trip from Cape Nome, on which starvation faced the unhappy passengers. She was at that time commanded by the same skipper who showed courage and devotion to sea honor is so directly challenged in the letter quoted above.

The intrepid gallantry of the Clayoquot folk stands out in splendid contrast with the action of the Hera's master, and it is meet that the representatives of the Humane Society should lose no time in taking such steps as will secure proper recognition by that organization.

BOER FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 5.—An indignation meeting to protest against England's course in the Transvaal was held this evening at the American Reformed Church. The meeting was attended not only by the Dutch residents of Rochester, but by others who sympathize with the Boers in their struggle. The speakers were Rev. John Reinin, pastor of the American Reformed Church, and Dr. F. T. Vanuerk.

PACIFIC CABLE BILL.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Representative Corliss of Michigan, introduced in the house to-day a bill for a Pacific cable to be built by the government to Hawaii, the Philippines, Japan and China, at a limit of cost of \$8,000,000, of which \$5,000,000 is to be immediately available. The route and general control is placed under a Pacific cable commission, including the postmaster-general and chief signal officer of the army.

WOUNDED COMING HOME.

London, Dec. 6.—The first batch of wounded soldiers from South Africa, numbering 133 men, arrived in the Thames to-day on board the British transport Sunnart, which left Table Bay on November 15.

School of Physical Culture.

Mrs. D. R. Harris has commenced her classes in the Sir William Wallace Hall, Broad street, classes for children on Saturday afternoons at 2 p.m., beginning December 2nd.

Private classes for ladies and gentlemen by arrangement. Terms apply to 42 Superior street. Cultivation for the chest a specialty.

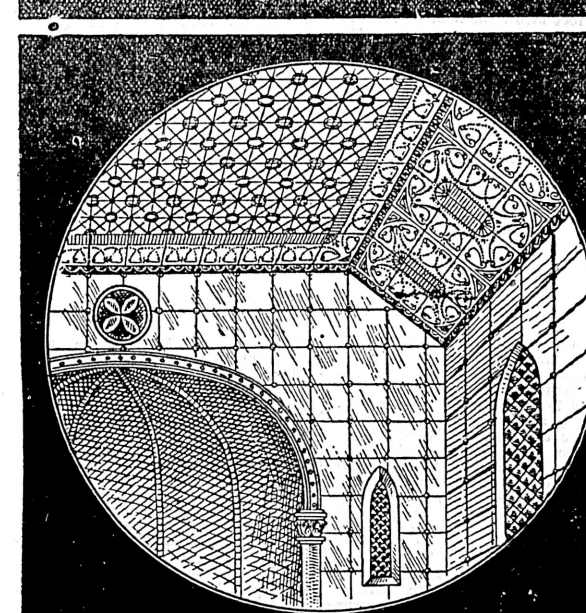
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Debentures payable in fifty years at furthered from 1st December, 1899, with privilege of repurchase from time to time after four years. To bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent, payable half-yearly on 1st June and December. The right is reserved to reject the highest or any tender.

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